7. Guidelines for programmes spelt out, e.g. advertisements to conform to the advertisement code of AIR/ Doordarshan, no programme to offend the religious sentiments of any group, be prejudicial to the sovereignty and integrity of India, etc. or infringe the provisions of the Copyright Act.

8. System of quality rating and procedure for redressal of complaints suggested.

9. The Broadcasting Council of India be vested, through suitable legislation, with the functions of licensing, monitoring of programmes, quality rating and redressal of complaints.

10. New legislation to govern the setting up and operation of additional broadcast channels be enacted.

South Asia, News Bureau by Cable News Network

2424. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have permitted the Cable News Network (CNN) International to establish a South Asia News Bureau in Delhi;

(b) if so, terms and conditions thereof?

(c) whether the transmission on Cable networks is being presently done without Government's permission or knowledge;

(d) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the sphers where there is scope for complementary role for the CNN *vis-a-vis* Doordarshan?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) The establishment of Cable TV Networks with or without Dish-Antennae Systems is regulated, at present, under Indian Telegraph Act 1885 and Indian Wireless Telegraphy Act 1933 and the Rules made thereunder administered by Ministry of Communications. While no permission is required to lay Cables within the private premises, a dish-antenna system can be set up only after obtaning licence from the Government.

(e) There is none except in the field of exchanges of New stories.

Last Minute changes in Doordarshan Programmes

2425. SHRI SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the inconvenience caused to the Doordarshan viewers due to the last minute changes in the announced programmes;

(b) whether Government have any statistics to analyse the frequency of the last-minute changes in the announced programmes on Doordarshan;

(c) how many days in advance Doordarshan authorities issue the programme schedule to News Papers for publication; and

(d) what Government propose to do to minimise the inconvenience caused to the viewers due to changes in the programme schedule?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING (KUMARI GIRIJA VYAS): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) According to Doordarshan only 5 per cent of the programmes are changed at the last minute due to programme exigencies and unavoidable reasons.